

Application No. 09/560294
Amendment dated September 12, 2006
After Final Office Action of April 21, 2006

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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 - 7, 9 - 13, and 15 - 18 are pending in this application.

In a Final Office Action mailed 21 April 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 18 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Bodin et al. (US Patent No. 5,241,685). The Examiner further rejected claims 3 - 5, 9 - 11, and 15 - 17 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bodin et al. (US Patent No. 5,241,685) in view of Hsu et al. (US Patent No. 6,169,898). The Examiner, in a telephone conference with the undersigned on 11 September 2006, noted that the structure recited in dependent claim 4 represented allowable subject matter.

In response, Applicant has cancelled claims 4, 10, 16 and amended independent claims 1, 7, 13 and dependent claims 3, 5-6, 9, 11-12, 15, 17-18 to recite structure that clearly differentiates Applicant's invention from the cited references. In particular, the structure recited in dependent claim 4 has been inserted into independent claim 1 pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion and the remaining claims depending on claim 1: 3, 5-6 have been amended to provide the proper dependency on amended independent claim 1 and to maintain consistency of terminology. Analogous amendments have been made to claim sets comprising independent claim 7 and its dependent claims 9, 11-12 and independent claim 13 and its dependent claims 15, 17-18. If the Examiner has any questions or believes further communication is warranted, the undersigned can be reached at (720) 560-9483.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1848, under Order No. 013217.0127C1US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,
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